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Listing and Amendment of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for operating a television apparatus ~~having a plurality of devices coupled thereto via~~ connected to a digital serial bus to enable a recording function, the method comprising the steps of:

~~receiving user selection of a first one of the plurality of devices as a designated video input source device and a second one of the plurality of devices as a designated sink device; and~~

~~transmitting commands to the designated video input source device and the designated sink device to establish a peer to peer connection between the designated video input source device and the designated sink device, whereby data may be directly transferred between the designated video input device and the designated sink device~~

receiving a user input selecting a designated video input source device connected to the digital serial bus;

in response to the user input, establishing a peer-to-peer connection between the designated video input source device and a digital recording device connected to the digital serial bus; and

further in response to the user input, causing the digital recording device to record digital content provided from the designated video input source device, wherein data may be directly transferred between the designated video input source device and the digital recording device.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~designated sink device is a digital recording device, and the transmitting step comprises causing the digital recording device to record digital content from the designated video input source device~~ in response to the user selection user input includes a user pressing a single key of a remote control device.

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3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2, wherein the digital serial bus comprises an IEEE 1394 compliant bus.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
causing the digital recording device to continuously record video content provided from a tuning device of the television apparatus in response to user selection of the tuning device as the designated video input source device.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[2]] 4, wherein the causing step comprises causing the digital recording device to continuously record video content provided from [[a]] the tuning device of the television apparatus in response to user selection of the tuning device as the designated video input source device into a predefined buffer size of a storage medium of the digital recording device.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of displaying video content stored on the digital recording device on a display device associated with the television apparatus in response to user selection of the digital recording device as the designated video signal input source device.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A television apparatus ~~having a plurality of devices coupled thereto via a digital serial bus~~, comprising:

~~means for receiving user selection of a first one of the plurality of devices as a designated video input source device and a second one of the plurality of devices as a designated sink device connected to the television apparatus; and~~

~~means for generating and transmitting commands to the designated video input source device and the designated sink device to establish a peer to peer connection between the designated video input source device and the designated sink device, whereby data may be directly transferred between the designated video input source device and the designated sink device~~

first means for receiving a user input selecting a designated video input source device connected to a digital serial bus;

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second means for establishing, in response to the user input, a peer-to-peer connection between the designated video input source device and a digital recording device connected to the digital serial bus; and

wherein the second means further causes the digital recording device to continuously record digital content provided from the designated video input source device in response to the user input, and data may be directly transferred between the designated video input source device and the digital recording device.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The television apparatus of claim 7, wherein the ~~designated sink device is a digital recording device and the commands cause the digital recording device to continuously record the digital content from the designated video input source device in response to the user selection~~ user input includes a user pressing a single key of a remote control device.

9. (ORIGINAL) The television apparatus of claim 8, wherein the digital serial bus comprises an IEEE 1394 compliant bus.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The television apparatus of claim 8, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the second means comprises means for causing the digital recording device to continuously record video content from a tuning device of the television apparatus in response to user selection of the tuning device as the designated video input source device.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The television apparatus of claim ~~[[8]]~~ 10, wherein the means for causing ~~comprises means for causing~~ causes the digital recording device to continuously record video content from ~~[[a]]~~ the tuning device of the television apparatus in response to user selection of the tuning device as the designated video input source device into a predefined buffer size of a storage medium of the digital recording device.

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12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The television apparatus of claim 8, further comprising means for displaying video content stored on the digital recording device ~~on the television apparatus~~ in response to user selection of the digital recording device as the designated video ~~signal~~ input source device.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for operating a television apparatus connected to an ~~IEEE 1394 compliant bus port~~ a digital serial bus to enable a recording function, the method comprising the steps of:

~~receiving user selection of a designated digital video input source device connected to the television apparatus via the IEEE compliant bus; and~~

~~causing an IEEE 1394 compliant recording device connected to the television apparatus via the IEEE 1394 compliant bus to establish a peer-to-peer connection with the designated digital video input source device and to continuously record the digital content from the designated digital video input source device without further processing of the data by the television apparatus~~

receiving a user input selecting a designated digital video input source device connected to the digital serial bus;

establishing a peer-to-peer connection between the designated digital video input source device and a digital recording device connected to the digital serial bus in response to the user input;

displaying digital content provided from the designated digital video input source device on a display device associated with the television apparatus in response to the user input; and

causing the digital recording device to continuously record the digital content provided from the designated digital video input source device in response to the user input, wherein data may be directly transferred between the designated digital video input source device and the digital recording device.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of:

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causing the ~~IEEE 1394 compliant~~ digital recording device to continuously record video content from a digital tuning device of the television apparatus in response to user selection of the digital tuning device as the designated digital video input source device.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 14, wherein the causing step comprises causing the ~~IEEE 1394 compliant~~ digital recording device to continuously record digital video content from ~~[[a]]~~ the digital tuning device of the television apparatus in response to user selection of the digital tuning device as the designated digital video input source device into a predefined buffer size of a storage medium of the ~~IEEE 1394 compliant~~ digital recording device.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13, ~~further comprising the step of displaying video content stored on the IEEE 1394 compliant recording device on the television apparatus in response to user selection of the IEEE 1394 compliant recording device as the designated digital video signal source device wherein the user input includes a user pressing a single key of a remote control device.~~